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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA TARIFF QUOTAS

REF: CANBERRA 08017, STATE 273043

1. THE U.S.IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF AUSTRALIA'S RECENT EFFORTS TO COUNTER RISING UNEMPLOYMENT BY DISCOURAGING IMPORTS. OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO US ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORLD'S TRADING SYSTEM OF THE NEW TARIFF QUOTAS ON TEXTILES AND POSSIBLE FUTURE TARIFF QUOTAS NOW UNDER STUDY ON OTHER ITEMS. AS COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE CONTINUE TO REGISTER RISING LEVELS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC STAGNATION, THE TEMPTATION GROWS TO TURN INWARD AND IMPOSE RESTRICTIVE TRADE MEASURES. THERE IS A REAL DANGER THAT COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW EACH OTHER DOWN THE PATH OF BEGGAR-THY-NEIGHBOR POLICIES TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

2. AUSTRALIA HAS SIGNED THE OECD TRADE PLEDGE, AND WE ARE

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CONCERNED THAT MEASURES TAKEN FOR BROAD UNEMPLOYMENT REASONS

NOT BE USED AS A "LOOPHOLE" TO ESCAPE THE OECD COMMITMENT.
THIS WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE ABOUT
TO EMBARK ON SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO
REDUCE TRADE BARRIERS.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPRESS THESE CONCERNS TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL AUSTRALIAN
OFFICIALS AND REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON ADDITIONAL

ITEMS UNDER STUDY WHICH MAY BECOME SUBJECT TO TARIFF
QUOTAS.

4. FYI. DEPT ASST SEC STATE GLITMAN RAISED AUSTRALIAN
ACTIONS IN GENERAL TERMS WITH AUSTRALIAN EMB ECON MIN
SMITH ON JAN 2. SMITH WAS UNABLE RESPOND FULLY ON ISSUE
AND PROMISED GET BACK TO US. SMITH WAS TOLD WE PLANNED
RAISE SUBJECT IN CANBERRA. END FYI. KISSINGER

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